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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: PCT/SI00/00002) Examiner: Unassigned
International Filing Date: 17 February 2000)
For: DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE MATRIX)
FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF)
SINGLE DAILY DOSES OF)
CLARITHROMYCIN)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the Claims:

In the above application, before examination thereof, please cancel claims 1-15 and enter the following substitute claims 16-28:

16. A pharmaceutical formulation for peroral single daily application, comprising clarithromycin or a derivative thereof and a mixture of a fatty and a hydrophilic component.
17. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, further comprising a surfactant.
18. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, further comprising a pH modulator.
19. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16, wherein the fatty component comprises glyceryl behenate.